

FCC Chairman Ajit Pai,

I adamantly and strongly support strong Net Neutrality backed by Title II oversight of ISPs. The commission document 17-108, captioned "Restoring Internet Freedom" will undoubtedly NOT lead to a free and open internet. Giving ISPs the ability to play favorites and/or grant improved speeds to those who simply have deeper pockets can only possibly serve to undermine the bastion of free speech that is the internet.

Title II is integral to protecting the freedom of American citizens and their constitutional right to free speech. I cannot stress enough that the internet must stay free and open, uninhibited by anyone or anything that will alter, deteriorate, or stop the vast amount of knowledge and information that can be accessed through the world wide web.

I insist that you withdraw this bill permanently stop the attacks on Title II and the free and open internet.

Science fiction is ultimately fiction, but it serves in many ways as a thought exercise for us to ponder the impact of decisions we make, especially technological decisions. The consequences of losing net neutrality have been pondered at length, and while you could argue we won't know for sure until we try, those consequences according to anyone (other than yourself and the ISPs who are only looking to line their own pockets) is never good:

"As the Americans learned so painfully in Earth's final century, free flow of information is the only safeguard against tyranny. The once-chained people whose leaders at last lose their grip on information flow will soon burst with freedom and vitality, but the free nation gradually constricting its grip on public discourse has begun its rapid slide into despotism.

Beware of he who would deny you access to information, for in his heart he dreams himself your master."

- Jordan Bridgman